

South Transfer Station

Summary of Public Meeting #2 — June 22, 2010



Overview

Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) hosted a public open house about the new South Transfer Station on June 22, 2010. Since the first open house was held on March 31, the design was reviewed by the Stakeholder Group and the Seattle Design Commission. This meeting provided the public an opportunity to see the proposed facility with refinements suggested by both review bodies. About a dozen people attended the meeting, where they talked with the Design-Build team and SPU staff about the site planning, building design and operation, the recommended public amenity features and the employment outreach program. The light attendance may have been due the weather that evening, which was sunny and warm for the first time in weeks.

Notification

Community members were told about the meeting through a multilingual flyer that went to all addresses within South Park plus some Georgetown and White Center zip codes. The notice in English, Spanish and Vietnamese was also posted on the South Park community webpage and distributed at six public locations within South Park. The invitation was also sent via email to a list of both community and business organizations and individuals who have expressed interest in the project.

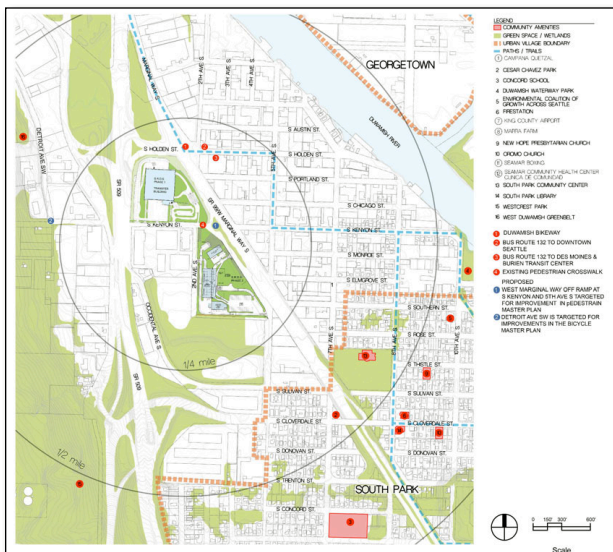
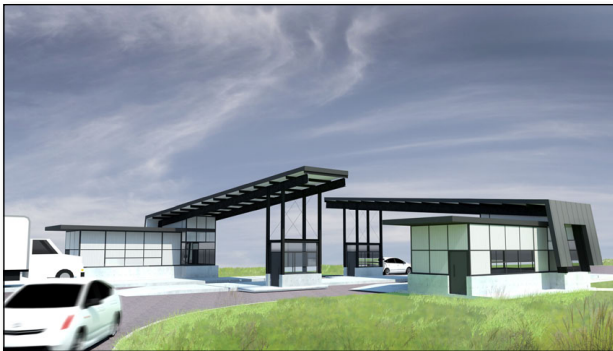
Exhibits

Exhibits included building plans, elevations and perspectives, operational diagrams of vehicle movements, potential color schemes, public art concepts, landscaping and signage, as well as the pedestrian and bicycle trail recommended by the Stakeholder Group for investment of the community amenities fund. A staffed exhibit about the planned Employment Outreach Program included information about upcoming work fairs and the apprenticeship program. SPU also provided information on recycling and waste reduction.

Public Comment Responses

Facility Design

- Nearly all attendees said they liked the appearance of the facility, supporting design of both the building and the landscape. Some were intrigued by the niches in the landscape retaining walls.
- The black and gray “restrained” color scheme was generally preferred,



appropriate for a site which will see dust and emissions from adjacent highways. One person expressed a preference for the "bright" color scheme that had the blue roof.

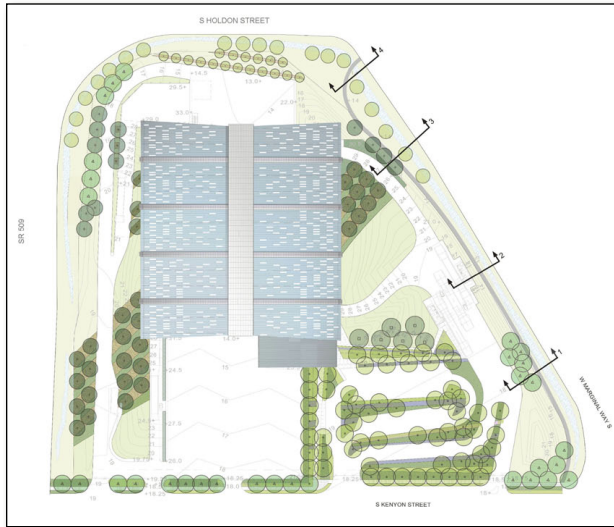
- A number of attendees liked the concept of the name on the south and north facades. One expressed concern that the graphics on the building ends might not be large enough to be seen from surrounding roadways, suggesting bigger graphics would be better.
- Another attendee expressed concern that the photographs of water, sky and earth on the directional signage within the facility might be sending confusing visual cues to customers who don't read English.

Access

A few emphasized the need for adequate directional signage throughout the area to clearly direct people to the transfer station entrance. One attendee, concerned about how the South Park Bridge closure could complicate access to the facility, particularly stressed the importance of providing clear directions to the transfer station from the 1st Avenue South Bridge, and vice-versa.

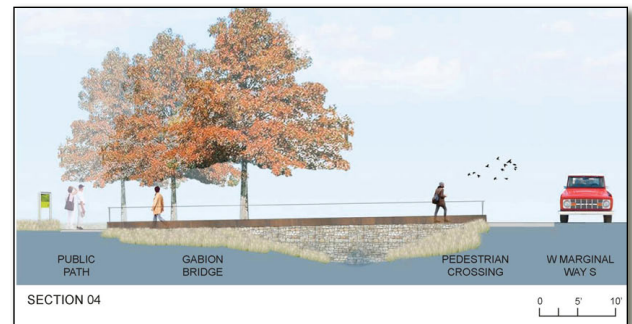
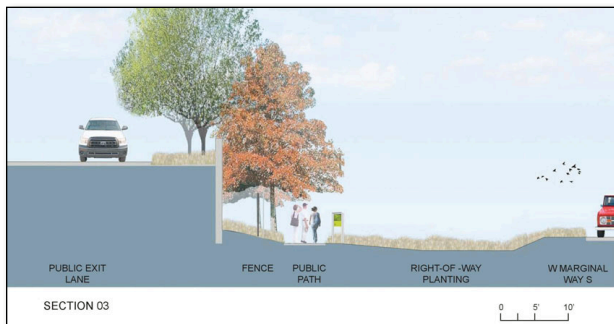
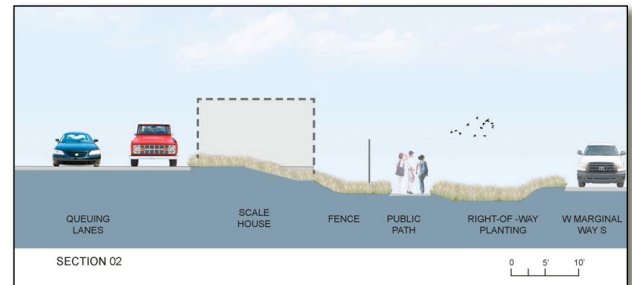
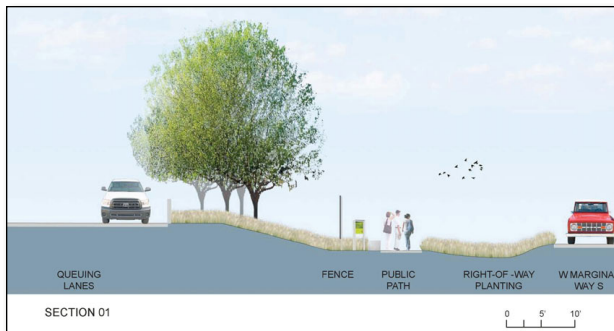
Facility Name

One attendee preferred the name “South Transfer Station,” suggesting it inappropriate to include South Park in the name.



Trail

- The proposed multi-use trail along the east side of the site was supported by attendees. Its proximity to the highway did not raise concerns.
- Some anticipate it will be used by commuting and recreational cyclists as it's more a more direct route than the existing zigzag route through South Park's industrial area.
- Others liked the trail because it helps connect the area south of Cloverdale between SR-509 and SR-99, completing a piece of the long term plan for community connectivity.



General

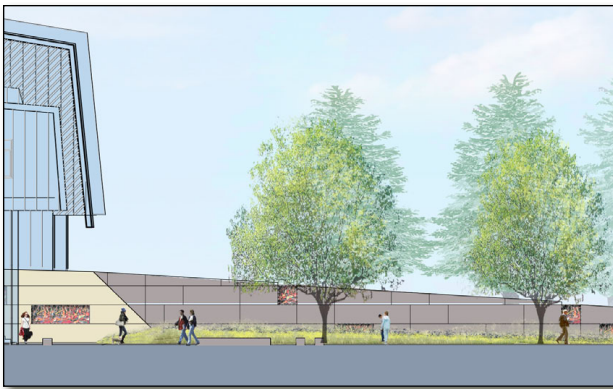
Several attendees expressed appreciation for SPU's outreach efforts, saying the open house was a good event.

Next Steps

The team will continue meeting with the Stakeholder Group of community members and station users through the fall of 2010 about the design and operation of the new facility. Targeted outreach within the South Park community will continue through the summer.

Where can I get more information?

If you want to stay informed about the project, please go to www.seattle.gov/util and search for **Facility Update**. Information in English, Spanish and Vietnamese will be posted there. You can also contact the project manager, Henry Friedman at 206-733-9147.

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